

SUMMARY

It is believed that this response addresses the sole issue in the present action and the application is in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due to the USPTO. If however, the Commissioner determines that any fee is properly due for its consideration of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all applicable fees to APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS, INC.'S Deposit Account No. 01-2213 and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. 01-2213.

Respectfully submitted,

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